## Michigan Commission of Agriculture Meeting Michigan Department of Agriculture Room 101, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan

### MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2002

#### PRESENT:

Douglas Darling, Chair, Commission of Agriculture Nora Viau, Vice-Chair, Commission of Agriculture Bill Pridgeon, Secretary, Commission of Agriculture James Maitland, Commission of Agriculture Jordan Tatter, Commission of Agriculture Dan Wyant, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture

### **OTHERS PRESENT** (All or part of the meeting):

Michigan Department of Agriculture Staff
Colby Bettis, Michigan Deer and Elk Marketing Committee
James Bettis, Michigan Deer and Elk Producers
Alex Draper, Michigan Deer and Elk
Amy Frankmann, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association
Dr. Dan Grooms, Michigan State University
Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Michigan State University
Ken Keeley, Michigan Deer and Elk Marketing Committee
Tonia Koppenaal, Michigan Farm Bureau
Dan Marsh, Michigan Deer and Elk Farmers Association
Dr. John Molesworth, Michigan State University
Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau
Nancy Snow, Vicksburg, Michigan

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Darling called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture to order at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2002. Secretary Pridgeon called the roll with Director Wyant and all Commissioners present.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MAITLAND MOVED APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2002
AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2002 MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2002

MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Commission of Agriculture is tentatively scheduled for August 15-16, 2002 at Terrace Bay Inn, 7146 P Road, Gladstone, Michigan. (Held in conjunction with the Upper Peninsula State Fair)

### APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' PER DIEM AND/OR STATE TRAVEL

NONE

#### APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S PER DIEM AND/OR STATE TRAVEL

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR WYANT'S

TRAVEL AS SUBMITTED:

JULY 1, 2002, WASHINGTON, DC, MEETING WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS USDA PURCHASE OF CHERRIES AND RELATED CONTRACTS (TRAVEL)

SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Bill Pridgeon** reported that the hot, dry weather is affecting the crops in central Michigan.

**Commissioner Nora Viau** reported that the Upper Peninsula is also hot and dry. She stated that the conditions were right for putting up hay.

**Commissioner Jim Maitland** reported that he met with Ray Pleva regarding his newest item, chopped steak. Just prior to the Cherry Festival he attended a meeting the cherry industry held. The meeting was well represented with the area Representatives and Senators in attendance. The cherry industry states that there will not be a cherry crop this year and is requesting disaster aid. It's predicted that Michigan will experience a significant economic impact due to the lack of cherry crop. The State of Washington will be the leader of tart cherry production in 2002. Michigan normally produces 80% of the nation's cherry crop.

**Commissioner Jordan Tatter** reported that his estimate at last month's meeting, relative to the 2002 Michigan tart cherry crop of 35,000,000 pounds, down from last year's 297,000,000 pounds, was overly optimistic. The Michigan Frozen Food Packer's Association Guesstimate came in at 14,500,000 pounds, most likely the smallest crop on record. For those processors that are dependent on Michigan grown cherries, grapes and apples, this year will be an outright disaster caused by "Mother Nature." He provided a handout from the 2002 Tart Cherry Crop Guesstimate charting the 3-year average for areas of Michigan.

Commissioner Tatter thanked Bob Tarrant and Mike Hansen for attending a crop loss disaster meeting of agricultural stakeholders in southwest Michigan on June 25, 2002 at the MSU Research and Extension Center. About 90 individuals attended and media coverage was extensive. The economic ripple effect of short Michigan cherry, plum, grape, pear and apple crops this year goes much farther than just the local growers and processors. Michigan businesses such as truckers, container and sugar manufacturers, local resident and immigrant laborers, farm supply businesses and cold storage operators will all be severely damaged. Some won't make it to harvest time next year. The demands on our Director, our department

and state and national policy decision makers will be both intensive and extensive. A lot of our industry constituents and friends are truly hurting bad.

Commissioner Tatter read a letter he received from Jerry Sunshine of JSO Associates, Inc. of New York. JSO Associates is concerned about the effect the Small Business Tax is having on companies located outside the state, but doing business within the state, such as purchasing Michigan fruit. His company intends to purchase at other locations around the country and Canada in the future. Copies of the letter and also a letter sent to Director Wyant were provided.

Commissioner Tatter participated in the following agriculture-related activities:

- Master of Ceremonies at the Michigan Frozen Food Packers 47th Annual Fruit Crop Guesstimate.
- The summer meeting of the Michigan State University Extension and Experiment Station Advisory Council
- Attended first meeting, as a board member, of the MBI International. This institution is committed to developing processes that increase the value of Michigan agronomic outputs.

**Commissioner Darling** reported that the Commission had attended the Ag Expo breakfast that morning and enjoyed listening to USDA Deputy Secretary, Jim Moseley.

The wheat harvest in southeastern Michigan is about done. Other crops are hot, dry, and stunted due to the lack of moisture. If rains come they will have a soybean crop, but the corn is very stressed. It's not as bad as last year, but we still have the rest of July and August to go.

There have been some conversations about the expansion of vegetable production in Michigan under the current Farm Bill. Protection and growth of the industries in the state is of concern.

Commissioner Darling received a letter from Tom Antor, of Sparta Township regarding farmland preservation and zoning. Included with the letter were signatures from a petition to improve ag economy and provide farmland preservation tools for farmers.

# RIGHT TO FARM COMPLAINT CASE REVIEW: Wayne Whitman, Environmental Stewardship Division

**Wayne Whitman** reviewed two Right-To-Farm (RTF) cases involving livestock facilities. The department's efforts to bring the farms into conformance with the Right To Farm Generally Accepted Practices for Manure Management have been only partially successful and asked that the Commission review the cases for possible referral to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The first case involved an anonymous letter received regarding rodeo stock (12 horses, 30 bulls, 12 calves) kept on a feedlot (Garth Erb, Reed City in Lake County). The letter was also sent to DEQ and they referred to MDA. MDA's investigation requested changes; a follow-up inspection was made with no changes found. The landowner threatened the MDA inspector and refused to make any changes what so ever. Due to the unwillingness of the owner to make changes and the fact that two inspections have been made by MDA, it is recommended that the case be referred to DEQ for remediation.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MAITLAND MOVED TO FORWARD THE COMPLAINT TO DEQ. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The second case involves a beef feed lot in Isabella County, owner Butch Black. Complaint was manure build up, runoff and excessive flies. MDA recommended changes; at a follow-up inspection it was noted that partial changes were completed. Mr. Black was given until mid-June to implement practices or the case would be taken to the Commission. He has not complied with all recommendations and refuses to do so. It is recommended that the case be referred to DEQ.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER TATTER MOVED TO FORWARD THE COMPLAINT TO DEQ. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission thanked Mr. Whitman for his efforts and the amount of work he puts into the Right-To-Farm complaints.

**Commission Tatter** asked how many RTF complaints have been received (2000) and how many referred (less than 20). Commission Tatter asked if DEQ could be requested to present to the Commission of Agriculture, at a future meeting a status report on these referrals. Mr. Whitman will contact DEQ to request they prepare a presentation for the Commission.

### UPDATE ON ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES: Dr. Joan Arnoldi, State Veterinarian

**Dr. Joan Arnoldi**, State Veterinarian and Director of the Animal Industry Division discussed the progress on the Chronic Wasting Disease plans for surveillance and contingency plans. MDA spent a day with industry listening to their concerns and made several changes to the draft "Contingency Plan for Surveillance/Management of Chronic Wasting Disease of Free-Ranging and Captive Cervids" which was presented to the Commission at the June meeting. The revised draft was then sent to industry for their review. Dr. Arnoldi feels that the plan is getting close to final. It has not been decided if the plan should be mandatory or not. MDA believes that it should be mandatory. A Federal plan, due to be released early next year, also calls for mandatory surveillance. Industry has a great concern about the payment for the tests. APHIS has agreed to do partial funding for the testing next year. This should solve some of the industry concerns and allow MDA to proceed to finalization of the plan. Dr. Arnoldi feels that great progress has been made since the June meeting.

Dr. Arnoldi is working to get the MSU Lab approved as one of the contract laboratories to do this testing for MDA and possibly other states.

Dr. Arnoldi introduced Drs. Dan Grooms and Larry Granger to discuss a proposal for surveillance testing in the Bovine Tuberculosis free zone.

**Dr. Granger** reported that the Tuberculosis Advisory Committee has reviewed the Strategic Plan. A subcommittee was formed to develop a new testing strategy in the disease free zone.

**Dr. Grooms** presented to the Commission the changes MDA would like to make to the current TB testing requirements. Most dairy herds in the free zone have been tested. A lot of these dairy herds are not currently doing any surveillance testing. MDA would like to have whole-herd testing performed on randomly selected herds throughout the disease free zone. Three two-year cycles would be done, with all herds being put back into the random selection for the next two-year cycle. After each two-year sequence the plan would be reviewed and adjusted to fit the current situation.

It is also recommended that a risk assessment be done at the time of testing to determine what factors make a herd susceptible to infection.

**Commissioner Pridgeon** questioned the reasoning for returning a randomly selected herd to the selection "pot". Dr. Grooms said this was discussed a lot, but it was felt that from a scientific viewpoint this is the best process to prevent bias. Due to the cost involved Commissioner Pridgeon stated that twice randomly selected herd owners will not be pleased. This is still under discussion with all angles being looked at.

**Commissioner Darling** asked about USDA's acceptance of the plan. Dr. Granger stated that the plan was sent to USDA for their review and their preliminary feedback was positive.

A handout was provided to the Commission and a formal presentation will be made at a future meeting.

**Dr. Arnoldi** shared with the Commission that some preliminary information indicates one or two possible TB herds in Emmet County. Emmet County is currently in the free zone, so this is of great concern. She hopes to have confirmatory testing by week's end, but wanted to share with the Commission now. Emmet County has had two positive deer and one positive coyote. At that time circle testing (10 mile radius around the positive deer) was done and both herds tested negative.

**Dr. Granger** provided a handout with plans to handle the Emmet County situation if indeed the tests are positive. If Emmet County is established as a high-risk area the movement requirement for cattle moving out of the county will change. Before Emmet County could be removed from the free zone, public comment would be taken for 30 days and then put before the Commission.

**Dr. Arnoldi** talked about the split-state status application. The application is almost finished, Emmet County's situation will be made part of the split state status application.

# PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL FOR NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION FACILITIES

No public comment received.

# PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTUAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL - Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Task Force Chair

**Dr. Maynard Hogberg** distributed the latest version of the GAAMPS and went over the changes since the last public comment.

**Commissioner Tatter** noted that there was no public comment today and when the public hearing was held on June 25 2002, there was no public comment at that time either. Dr. Hogberg stated that no written comments were received.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER TATTER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE GENERALLY

ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL FOR NEW AND EXPANDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION FACILITIES. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY.

# APPROVAL TO BEGIN THE PROCESS ON REGULATION 564, AUTOMOTIVE GASOLINE PURITY, ADDITIVES AND GRADING - Bill Spitzley, Metrology Laboratory, Motor Fuels Quality

**Bill Spitzley** presented to the Commission Regulation 564 and requested the Commission's permission to proceed with a request to update the Automotive Gasoline Purity, Additives and Grading regulation.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER PRIDGEON MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REGULATION REVISION. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# IMPLEMENTATON OF CHANGES TO ACT 451, PART 83, PESTICIDE CONTROL - Ken Rauscher, Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division

**Ken Rauscher** introduced **Brian Rowe**, **Pesticide Section Manager**. Brian gave the Commission an update on the changes to Act 451, Pesticide Control Act and Regulation 636, Pesticide Applicators. Some of the changes to the act included removing obsolete categories, adding sale records requirements, and a change of fee for commercial establishments. An informational mailing will take place to all certified applicators and licensed businesses.

# <u>UPDATE ON EXOTIC ASH BORER IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN - Ken Rauscher, Director, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division</u>

**Ken Rauscher** introduced **Gary King, Plant Industry Section Manager**. Over the last year ash decline has been an issue in Michigan. Three weeks ago an insect pest was identified as being associated with the ash decline.

Gary King provided visuals of an ash tree section and emerald ash borer. The Extension office in southeast Michigan called MDA with a request to identify a boring insect which they were not familiar with and suspected to be associated with ash decline in southeast Michigan. MDA determined that the insect was found on healthy and stressed trees, in tree lots and landscaping. MSU entomologists indicated that they could not identify the pest. Samples of the pest were submitted through USDA to the Smithsonian Institute, the insectorey for the U.S. The Smithsonian Institute could not identify the pest either. MDA believed that they were dealing with an exotic pest in Michigan. Samples were collected and sent to experts around the world. On July 9, 2002 the Czech Republic confirmed that the sample was an emerald ash borer.

**Ken Rauscher** stated that MDA decided to start survey activities while waiting for positive identification of the pest. They notified nurseries that shipped ash to other states. Inspections were done in the southeast Michigan area of nurseries that sold ash trees. MDA also did a delimiting survey in southeast Michigan (handouts provided).

Grower, forester, and nursery meetings have been scheduled and a Pest Alert is being developed. A quarantine will also go into effect July 16, 2002.

**Commissioner Tatter** stated that foresters currently have ash felled and ready to ship. He asked if there is a treatment for infected harvested wood. Ken Rauscher stated they were working with USDA to develop options and compliance agreements. MDA realized that there will be a loss of income to industries. A press release is being released July 16, 2002 and information is being provided to legislators in the southeast area, an 800 number is being provided for questions/information. MDA realizes this is a significant issue and is working with other agencies to develop enforcement options and provide education on the pest.

### APPROVAL OF COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE RESOLUTIONS - Director Wyant

**Director Wyant** presented and recommended Commission approval of the resolutions for the following MDA employees who will be retiring prior to November 1, 2002:

- ◆ Linda Entemann
- ◆ Jane Matelsky
- ◆ Maureen McLeod
- ♦ Kay Millbrook

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION OF

AGRICULTURE RESOLUTIONS HONORING THESE MDA EMPLOYEES.

SECONDED: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Director Wyant** presented and recommended Commission approval of the resolution honoring the UP State Fair's 75th Anniversary.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER VIAU MOVED APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION OF

AGRICULTURE RESOLUTION HONORING THE U P STATE FAIR'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Brad Deacon, Legislative Liaison

**Brad Deacon** reported to the Commission that the Legislature is currently on recess until August 15, 2002. The Animal Industry Act has been signed, along with changes to the Food Law. MDA's budget and the supplemental budget were passed by both houses and are awaiting the Governor's signature. MDA's top priorities for the year have been completed. The Department would like to complete the Farm Winery License bill, changes to the Commodities Marketing Act and the Migrant Labor Housing before the end of session.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Director Wyant**

**State Fair - John Hertel** has surpassed an all time record for Michigan State Fair sponsorship. There are five weeks before the fair and it's anticipated that more sponsorships will come in.

The **Commodities Groups** are sponsoring the Governor's Day Banquet in recognition of John Engler's contributions to agriculture. MDA is working with the commodity groups to make some changes to PA 232. Some commodity groups are requesting to get out of the five-year renewal referendum. Director Wyant is reluctant to support this, but is open to communication. There will be challenges because there is no annual renewal nationally and that's what makes Michigan's law unique. On an annual basis the Michigan producers get to decide if they want the check-off or not. This may come before the Commission in the future.

**Federal Specialty Crop Economic Assistance Program** - The cherry industry appears to be going forward without coordinating with other industries. He feels this is appropriate due to the extent of crop damage. They will be asking for assistance beyond loans. The Grape industry has had some discussion with Dale Sherwin. The National Grape Cooperative has coordinated an effort, their loss is less than cherries, but they may be able to piggyback on that effort. Bob Tarrant attended a meeting in the southwest and there was a petition circulating there to support a recognition of economic challenges.

The Director met with Sam Washington, Executive Director of **Michigan United Conservation Clubs** (MUCC) and Representative Tabor on **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)**. MUCC is concerned about CWD and the captive deer industry. MUCC is developing a position and may come before the Commission to present this position.

**Disaster Tour** took place in Newaygo County with Representative Mike Pumford. Crops viewed were peaches, cherries, pears, and apples. We should hear from USDA soon on our request for 26 counties to be included in a disaster assistance program.

**Early Retirement** – the department did not reorganize. MDA went through significant restructuring in 1997 and did not feel there were any efficiencies to reorganizing at this time. The 19 priority positions have been identified and monies are being identified to fill the positions.

**Budget** was passed with a one percent reduction above and beyond the retirement savings that the department was asked to contribute based on the 1 in 4, (19 in 75) replacement. MSU did not receive additional monies for the three requests that they had for the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service and the Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory.

**Tittabawassee River Sample Results** – MDA has been involved with the Departments of Community Health and Environmental Quality on some issues along the flood basin. Keith Creagh reported briefly on sampling locations on the Tittabawassee River. There are no animal agriculture operations in the 100 year flood plain that are commercial in nature. Preliminary sample results indicate some high dioxin levels.

**Commissioner Tatter** had some questions on the Julian-Stille Value Added Act. He talked with a man whom had applied by the originally published deadline date and then the deadline was extended. This person thought they should be in a smaller pool of applicants that had met the original deadline. Bob Craig reported that the deadline was extended prior to the original deadline date, and all applicants were treated the same.

Commissioner Tatter questioned if organic fruits/vegetables were included in the sample pesticide residue testing. Steve Reh did not think that they were included.

Director Wyant distributed and reviewed his monthly activities since the last Commission meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dan Marsh, Michigan Deer and Elk Farmers Association -** The industry asked two years ago for a mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease program. They built their new law, PA 190 around what was anticipated to be coming. They were told there was no monies or personnel for a mandatory program. They are encouraged that now there may be some monies coming forth for this and support a mandatory program. They are working very closely with the department at this time and appreciate our efforts.

**Ken Keeley, Michigan Deer and Elk Marketing Committee** – The committee is very happy to be working with MDA and look for some good things to come. The Michigan Deer and Elk Board recently passed a resolution for an upcoming review on the moratorium on importing elk and deer and as that comes up for review we hope that all concerns for the good of the producers, the state, and health issues be involved. They fully support at this time, based on the scientific information, the lifting of that ban. They also fully support mandatory testing for Chronic Wasting Disease.

Director Wyant reminded the Commission that the privately owned cervidae industry did petition the department and have organized under PA 232, and have a committee in place. Congratulations to them.

Commissioner Darling stated that the Commission appreciated the industry's input on the working relationship with the department and staff as MDA tackles some of these animal health issues.

Amy Frankmann, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association – The nursery and landscape industry in Michigan supports the control and containment of the Emerald Ash Borer. She thanked the Pesticide and Plant Pest Management staff for their rapid response once the insect was discovered. They have been efficient and treated the growers with respect. Unfortunately this is a unique situation; a quarantine will place an immense economic hardship on the nursery and landscape industry. I ask that MDA please consider collectively supporting the industry with positive measures, including immediate spray control recommendations, and also consider the financial burden that will be placed on the growers.

Ms. Frankmann distributed written comments on behalf of one of the growers in the state.

Commissioner Darling stated that the Commission appreciated her input and looks forward to input from the association and producers.

**Tonia Koppenaal, Michigan Farm Bureau –** Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) is in support of mandatory testing for Chronic Wasting Disease, provided there is funding and support for that test. MFB appreciates the time and energy that MDA has extended in trying to work through this issue.

In regards to the Emerald Ash Borer, Michigan Farm Bureau is looking for support for the industry, and looking to protect the industry. The growers in the five county area are very supportive of the quarantine and want to protect the rest of the industry. They realize that they are going to undergo some economic hardships and MDA and MFB needs to look at ways to help the producers, even communication wise. She complimented the Department on making sure that other states and areas are aware of the problem. There is concern that Canada and other states will ban the importation of Ash. MFB looks forward to getting more information about the Emerald Ash Borer and what the prognosis will be.

In regard to cherries, it looks like the industry will have about a five percent crop. This is a high priority for MFB, as this will effect many industries in Michigan and in other states. MFB appreciates MDA's support.

**Nancy Snow** – Commissioner Darling informed Ms. Snow that the Commission had already addressed the GAAMPS finalization for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Production Facilities. Ms. Snow resides adjacent to a large livestock facility and is requesting that the State increase the requirement of setback to 1,000 feet from neighboring residences. She believes that the current 250-foot setback requirement is inadequate. She states that her property has decreased 70 percent in value. (Her comments are an attachment to these minutes.)

Commissioner Tatter asked Ms. Snow if she had taken part in any of the meetings leading up to the finalization of the fore stated GAAMPS. Ms. Snow stated that she had not been able to attend or was not aware of previous meetings. Commissioner Maitland indicated that there have been at lest three opportunities to comment to the committee. Commissioner Tatter said that her information from the Tax Tribunal was very well prepared. Director Wyant asked why she went before the Tax Tribunal. Ms. Snow stated that her State Equalized Value had been going up each year and she felt they were inappropriate due to the livestock facility located next to her property. Director Wyant questioned how the State Tribunal came to the conclusion. The State Tribunal did not come to her property, but she had a written expert opinion that was taken into consideration.

Ms. Snow stated that she had an article "Collateral Damages in the Boar Wars, Some Psychological Impacts of Industrial Hog Production", being reviewed and submitted for publication. Commissioner Darling asked that she provide the Commission with a copy of the article when published.

### **ADJOURN**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MAITLAND MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:30

P.M. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

The following documentation is on file in the Commission of Agriculture office and is available upon request by contacting the Commission Secretary, Michigan Commission of Agriculture, Post Office Box 30017, Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517) 373-1104.

Attachment A	Commission of Agriculture June 13, 2002 Meeting Minutes
Attachment B	2002 Tart Cherry Crop Guesstimate
Attachment C	Letters to Jordan Tatter and Director Wyant from JSO Associates regarding small business taxes
Attachment D	Letter to Doug Darling from Tom Antor regarding preservation of farmland and zoning
Attachment E	Letters transferring right to farm complaints (Butch Black and Garth Erbes) to DEQ
Attachment F	Michigan Bovine TB Disease Free Zone Surveillance Plan
Attachment G	Establishment of High-Risk Area for Bovine Tuberculosis
Attachment H	Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Production Facilities
Attachment I	Michigan Invasive Species Response Plan (Emerald Ash Borer)
Attachment J	Commission of Agriculture Resolutions honoring MDA Retirees
Attachment K	Commission of Agriculture Resolution commending the 75th Anniversary of the Upper Peninsula State Fair
Attachment L	Legislative Report - July 2002
Attachment M	Director's Reports - July 2002
Attachment N	News Release - 2002 Michigan State Fair garners record-breaking sponsorship, July 10, 2002

control of exotic insect species

Comments read by Nancy Snow

Commentary from Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association regarding

Attachment O

Attachment P